

compelled to return to those whose representatives we are, to render an account for the manner in which we have discharged the trusts which were so generously confided to us.

We met, the most of us, strangers to each other; we part, all of us, I believe, as sincere friends. Towards myself there has been nothing but affability, courtesy, kindness. And, notwithstanding I brought but little experience to the discharge of the duties to which your partiality in the beginning called me, and have doubtless fallen often into error, the broad mantle of your charity has been thrown around me, and no word of complaint has been permitted to reach my ear. To the home from which I have long been separated, and whose fireside joys I shall with so much eagerness seek again, I will carry nothing but the most pleasant and happy recollections. In that privacy to which my inclination and my duty call me, I shall often recur to the scenes in which I have been permitted to mingle in this Hall, and recall with delight the expressions of friendship and respect with which I have been greeted from day to day by undissembling lips, warm hearts and willing hands.

To the faithfulness, gentlemen, with which you have discharged the duties you were called upon to meet, I beg to add to the testimony of an approving conscience my own humble and unhesitating attestation.

It only remains for me to bid adieu to you, and to invoke the choicest blessings of heaven upon you in the vocations which, under Providence, you have been called upon to pursue, and to wish that the days of you and yours may be "long in the land," and prosperous.

On motion of Mr. Hall,

The said address was unanimously ordered to be entered on the Journal.

The Secretary of the Senate returned the following bills:

A bill entitled, an act to regulate and restrict the granting of licenses to retail intoxicating liquors in this State;

Endorsed "rejected by yeas and nays."

Also, a bill entitled, an act for the relief of Edward A. Talbott, late sheriff of Howard county;

Endorsed "passed by yeas and nays."

Also, a bill entitled, an act to limit the places for retailing certain articles in the city of Baltimore;

Endorsed "passed by yeas and nays."